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STUDY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this study were to develop data element requirements and collection methods, collect the Phase I screening information and demographic information, analyze the Phase I data, make recommendations as to the use of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) default values or derive appropriate default values for use.

Introduction

Background

The Pueblo Depot Activity Chemical Demilitarization Facility is located in Pueblo County, Colorado, about 100 miles southeast of Denver and 14 miles east of Pueblo; the Arkansas River is approximately one mile south of the activity. The facility encompasses 22,654 acres and is situated on flat to gently sloped prairie. The surrounding lands are mostly undeveloped ranchlands used for grazing, with some light commercial and residential zoned areas to the south.

The Pueblo Depot Activity was established by the Ordnance Corps in 1942 as Pueblo Army Depot with the missions of storage and supply of ammunition and general supplies during World War II. After World War II the depot received the additional missions of rebuilding and maintaining artillery fire control and optical materials; reconditioning transport and combat vehicles; ammunition supply, renovation, and demilitarization; chemical and conventional munitions storage; and maintenance of Sergeant, Pershing, and Nike missiles. The depot is one of eight sites that stores lethal unitary agents in the United States. The missile maintenance mission continued until 1974 when realignment transferred most of those activities to Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania. At that time, the depot was redesignated as Pueblo Depot Activity; responsibility for the activity was reassigned to Tooele Army Depot in Utah. The activity was recommended for realignment by the Defense Secretary's Commission on Base Realignment and Closure in its December 1988 report.

In 1986, the Department of Defense Authorization Act was promulgated. It directed the destruction of the chemical agent munitions stockpiles by 30 September 1994. This act was amended in 1988 to allow for operational testing of a commercial-scale incineration project and the date for complete destruction of the stockpiles was extended to September 1997. Based upon the results of an environmental impact statement, the chemical agent disposal method that appeared to provide the highest degree of safety and protection of human health and the environment was the on-site, high-temperature incineration method. Thus, the chemical agent demilitarization program initiated the design of the incineration facilities and preparation of the required Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B permits for the hazardous waste incinerators.

In 1993, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Provisional [USACHPPM(P)] was tasked by the U.S. Army Chemical Demilitarization and Remediation Activity (USACDRA) to perform multipathway human health risk assessments (HHRA) and ecological risk assessments (ERA) for the eight sites that store unitary chemical agents. The Logistics Management Institute (LMI) was requested to develop the screening-level risk analysis (SRA) data requirements for the Pueblo Depot Activity (PUDA) proposed site.

Risk Assessment Requirements

The USEPA requires all RCRA Part B permit applications for hazardous waste incinerators to include a risk assessment (RA) that contains a multipathway HHRA and an ERA. Pursuant to the USEPA guidance, the RA uses a staged protocol that starts with a conservative SRA. The SRA is intended to provide the most conservative estimate of the potential risk, carcinogenic and noncarcinogenic, from direct exposures to combustion emissions and indirect exposures to contaminated soils, water sources, and food products. The SRA endpoints are estimates of individual risk for four specific exposure scenarios: a subsistence farmer, a subsistence fisher, an adult resident, and a child resident. For each scenario, the risk estimates are based on combining exposures and resultant risk for an individual contaminant of concern across several pathways. Where appropriate, risk from multiple contaminants of concern are also combined to provide overall estimates of risk for each exposure scenario. In the SRA for PUDA, 83 contaminants are of concern for which risk estimates must be calculated. The USEPA screening guidance also provides default values for most of the input parameters used in the SRA calculations; but allows the use of validated sitespecific data to modify the values for the input parameters, especially in the situation where default values would constitute implausible scenarios. USEPA's levels of acceptable risk for an SRA are as follows:

◆ One per 100,000 population exposed (1E–5), plausible upper-bound estimate of the probability of an individual developing cancer as a result of a lifetime of exposure (70 years) to the modeled levels of carcinogenic emissions from the PUDA hazardous waste incinerator. The modeled levels are based on trial burn emissions measurements taken at the Johnston Atoll chemical agent demilitarization facility.

◆ For noncarcinogenic systemic toxicants, the hazard quotient (HQ) (e.g., the ratio of the total daily oral intake to an established reference dose) for the contaminant of concern or, when appropriate, the hazard index (HI) (e.g., the sum of the HQs of contaminants in a mixture) should be less than 0.25. When HQs or HIs exceed unity (i.e., 1.0), there may be concern for potential adverse health effects.

Normally, the USEPA's acceptable level of carcinogenic risk is described as a risk range of one per 10,000 (1E–4) to one per 1,000,000 (1E–6) and the noncarcinogenic risk is any HQ or HI that does not exceed unity (i.e., 1.0). The levels proscribed for hazardous waste incinerator SRAs take into account that the unit may not be the only source contributing to exposures in the study area. Background exposure sources must be considered in order to avoid overestimation of allowable emissions levels, which could lead to unacceptable health risks to the public.

If the SRA results meet the acceptable risk criteria, then there is reason to conclude that further analysis of the risk from stack emissions is unnecessary. If the SRA results do not meet acceptable risk criteria, then phased demographic-specific (up to six levels) risk analyses must be completed. The phased risk analyses build increasing specificity into site data requirements only to the level required to verify compliance with the acceptable risk criteria. If none of the phased demographic-specific risk analyses meet the acceptable risk criteria, then the facility is denied the RCRA Part B permit.

Screening-Level Risk Analysis Data Requirements

The SRA algorithms use a combination of USEPA default data values and site-specific data values. The USEPA default values are used in the air dispersion and contaminant deposition modeling; calculating media concentrations for each of the exposure pathways associated with indirect exposures; and determining fate, transport, and uptake parameters for specific chemicals of concern. The site-specific data collection and evaluation focuses on hydrogeological, topographical/terrain, meteorological, facility operational, emissions, and exposure assessment data. The site-specific data is confined to an area encompassed by a 50 kilometer radiused circle about the operational facility. The USEPA requires that all default and site-specific data developed for use in an SRA be validated and referenced. The USEPA reserves the authority to dismiss any data values that it believes will lead to inappropriate estimates of risk. USACHPPM(P) and LMI personnel developed the data element requirements on the basis of a review of all USEPA guidance documents and their professional expertise in the risk assessment arena.

The screening-level data parameters primarily focus on the potential for indirect exposures to emissions from combustion sources; however, they directly relate to the amount of stack emissions that may be entrained in ambient air and, thus, is available for human/animal inhalation and human dermal absorption exposures. Their primary use is for the determination of fate and transport plus

wet and dry deposition of the emissions products into surface waters, onto soils, and onto standing crops that constitute an indirect human/animal exposure pathway from the food chain.

Again, four human exposure scenarios are used in the SRA: a subsistence farmer, a subsistence fisher, an adult resident, and a child resident. These exposure scenarios differ primarily in the consumption rates of contaminated foods.

In the subsistence farmer exposure scenario, the farmer is exposed by consumption of homegrown beef, milk, and vegetables; incidental ingestion of soil; and direct inhalation of vapors and particulates. Site-specific exposure parameters and data should be used, where possible, to modify the basic default values and exposure scenarios in the effort to avoid unrealistic risk outcomes.

The subsistence fisher is exposed by consumption of contaminated fish, homegrown vegetables, incidental ingestion of soil, and direct inhalation of vapors and particulates. Site-specific fish consumption patterns should be used to avoid being overly conservative in this exposure scenario. The uptake of contaminants by above-ground and root vegetables is an especially critical element of both of the subsistence scenarios.

For both the adult and child resident scenarios, the exposures are consumption of homegrown vegetables, incidental soil ingestion, and the direct inhalation of vapors and particulates. The exposure parameters must be chosen carefully in the child resident exposure scenario because the toxicity potential of the emissions products exert their effects during a 6-year exposure period rather than the 40-year exposure period used in the subsistence farmer scenario and the 30-year exposure period used in the subsistence fisher and adult resident scenarios.

Data Collection Methods

The data were collected by reviewing numerous data sources and contacting specific Colorado State, County, and municipal offices. Personnel contacted for the various data elements are listed with the applicable section of data. The list of data elements required was developed from the USEPA's Methodology for Assessing Health Risks Associated with Indirect Exposure to Combustor Emissions, and its 1993a addendum; the Revised Draft of Risk Assessment Implementation Guidance for Hazardous Waste Combustion Facilities, USEPA 1994a; and the Draft Guidance for Performing Screening Level Risk Analyses at Combustion Facilities Burning Hazardous Wastes, with all addendums such as USEPA 1994b, 1994c, 1994d, 1994e, and 1994f. We also developed a tabular array of the required data elements to facilitate data collection and to assist in data presentation (see Appendix).

CONCLUSIONS

The data presented in this report and the data provided under separate cover were validated with local, state, and Federal personnel for accuracy and representative of the PUDA area of concern.

FINDINGS

Sample Screening Level Risk Analysis Calculations

We are providing a very simplified version of the risk assessment calculations found in a typical SRA. In the examples, we use one of the semi-volatile contaminants of concern, tetrachlorodibenzo-(p)-dioxin (TCDD). We are also using the modeled exposure concentrations for TCDD as they were calculated for the SRA at PUDA.

INHALATION CHRONIC DAILY INTAKE ADULT RESIDENT

The chronic daily intake (CDI) is computed only for use in the linear low-dose cancer risk equation.

$$CDI(mg/kg - day) = \frac{CA \times CF \times IR \times ET \times EF \times E}{BW \times AT}$$

where

CA = contaminant concentration in air in milligrams per meter cubed of air (mg/m³) = 1.77E-11 microgram (ug)/m³ TCDD computed from the USEPA air model; this value is also used as the exposure intake value (E) in the noncancer HQ formula;

CF = conversion factor from ug/m³ to mg/m³ = 1 mg/1,000 ug;

ET = exposure time [hr/day (d)] = 24 hr/d (i.e., USEPA default value);

EF = exposure frequency [d/year (yr)] = 350 d/yr (i.e., USEPA default value);

 $ED = \exp \operatorname{exposure duration}(yr) = 30 \text{ yr (i.e., USEPA default value)};$

BW =body weight in kilograms (kg) = 70 kg (i.e., USEPA default value); and

AT = averaging time (days) = 70-year lifetime for toxic effects (i.e., $70 \text{ yr} \times 365 \text{ d/yr}$) = 25,550 days.

$$CDI(mg/kgd) = \frac{(1.77E - 11ug/m^3)(1mg/1,000 ug)(1m^3/hr)(24 hr/d)(350 d/yr)(30 yr)}{(70 kg)(25,550 d)}$$

$$CDI(mg/kgd) = \frac{(1.77E14 mg)(2.52E + 05)}{(1.7885E + 06 kgd)}$$

$$CDI = 2.49E15 (mg/kgd)$$

LINEAR LOW-DOSE CANCER RISK

$$Risk = CDI \times SF$$
,

where

CDI = chronic daily intake averaged more than 70 years (mg/kg-d);

SF = inhalation cancer slope factor of TCDD = 1.16E+05 (mg/kg-d)⁻¹; and

 $Risk = 2.49E-15 \text{ (mg/kg-d)} \times 1.16E+05 \text{ (mg/kg-d)}^{-1} = 2.89E-10.$ Conventionally, this number is rounded to the nearest whole number after completing the calculation. Therefore, the excess cancer risk due to emissions of TCDD = 3.0E-10 or three excess cancers per 10 billion persons exposed over a lifetime to this concentration of TCDD.

Noncancer Hazard Quotient

The noncancer hazard quotient assumes that there is a level of exposure. [i.e., reference dose (RfD) for oral exposures and reference concentration (RfC) for inhalation exposures] below which it is unlikely for even sensitive populations to experience adverse health effects. If *E* exceeds this threshold (i.e., *E/RfD* or *E/RfC* exceeds unity), there may be concern for potential noncancer toxicity effects.

Noncancer
$$HQ = E/RfC$$
,

where

E = exposure level = 1.77E-11ug/m³ as modeled for TCDD;

 $RfC = 3.50E-06 \text{ ug/m}^3 \text{ for TCDD, from the Integrated Risk Information}$ System (IRIS). (This RfC for TCDD has been deleted from IRIS and is under review. It is used for example calculation purposes only.); and

 $HQ = 1.77E-11 \text{ ug/m}^3 / 3.50E-6 \text{ ug/m}^3 = 5.06E-6 \text{ or } 0.00000506$

Data Element Requirements

The data element requirements list developed for use in the SRA for the PUDA is as follows:

Phase I

Screening Data Elements

- Facility operational time period
- Average annual precipitation
- ◆ Average annual irrigation
- ◆ Average annual evapotranspiration
- Average annual surface runoff
- Universal soil loss equation rainfall or erosivity factor
- Total area for each body of water
- Impervious watershed area receiving deposition
- Total watershed area receiving deposition
- Average volumetric flow rate
- Depth of water column for each body of water.

Exposure Assessment Data Elements

- General
 - Site-specific body weight range
 - Monthly average air temperature
 - Sustained average wind speed, threshold wind speed

- Types of produce grown in home gardens
- ► Storm duration and length of time since previous rainfall
- Number of people who fish and/or hunt
- ► Types of recreation: swimming, golfing, hiking, camping, biking, and all-terrain vehicular activities.

Soil

- ► Plow depth
- ► Soil types: soil texture, bulk density, organic content percentage, field capacity, and wilting point
- ▶ Unit soil loss: rainfall index, soil erodibility index, length-slope factor, support practice factor, and management practice factor
- Fraction of vegetative cover for each land use.

Plant tissue

- Crop-specific information: crop productivity, harvest yield of the crop, and area planted to crop
- ► Leafy vegetables: height of plant from the ground, radius of plants, number of plants per row, number of rows of plants, distance between plants in a row, and distance between rows of plants
- ► Round and long produce: number of produce per unit area, radius of produce, length of long produce, and length and width of unit area
- ► Fruits: number of fruits per unit area, length of long fruit, and radius of round fruit
- Length of growing season for each crop and produce item
- ► Human daily ingestion of each produce group: leafy vegetables, above-ground protected produce, above-ground exposed round produce, above-ground exposed long produce, and below-ground produce.

Animal tissue

- ► Types of livestock: beef cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, sheep/goats, and chickens
- Game animals that are consumed.

Nursing infants

- Number and location of breast-feeding mothers
- Number of infants born per year.

PHASE II

The data is used in the conduct of additional, more specific site health risk assessments, if the SRA fails to meet the USEPA screening criteria. The following data elements will be used in the more specific risk assessments. The data has been provided to the USACHPPM(P) under separate cover. This data can be summarized and presented in database format when and if it is required.

General

- ► Population centers: locations and numbers
- ► Locations of schools, nursing homes, and hospitals
- Major employers and locations
- Work schedule for employees within study area
- ► Exposure duration for civilian and military residents
- ► Current census information.

Plant tissue

- ► Number and location of crop farms, truck patch farms, and orchards; also types of produce grown
- Ratio of produce grown within study area that is consumed versus exported
- Source and location of irrigation water for farms and home gardens
- Location of home gardens.

◆ Animal tissue

- Locations and numbers of livestock farms
- Numbers of livestock at each farm
- Livestock water source

- ► Percentage of grain and silage grown within study area versus the amount imported
- ► Ratio of grain and silage grown within study area used to feed livestock versus imported grain and silage
- ► Ratio of grain grown within study area fed to chickens versus amount of imported grain
- Amount of soil in grain and silage
- Average daily ingestion rate of grain, silage, and forage of each animal group
- Percentage of livestock that is consumed
- Ratio of livestock raised in the study area that is consumed versus imported
- Human daily ingestion rate of each animal group
- ► Human daily ingestion rate of each game animal
- ► Body fat percentage for each game animal.

Surface water

- ► Location, type, and use of body of water
- ► Watershed delineation
- ▶ Irrigation ditches: flow, average depth, and surface area
- Percentage of stagnant surface water
- Percentage of running surface water
- Drinking water sources.

Recreational

- Locations of commercial and recreational fishing areas
- Human daily ingestion rate of fish from area
- ► Number of fish farms
- Number of people who fish: subsistence and recreational fishers

- Number of people who hunt and/or fish
- Hunting location for each game animal
- Recreation locations, recreation frequency, and recreation exposure time.

RESULTS

This section provides the data documentation for the SRA. On the basis of the data collected and analyzed, we believe the values presented here and in the Appendix should be used in the SRA for PUDA.

Screening Data Elements

- Facility operational time period (USEPA default is 24 hours/day for a 30-year time period).
- ◆ Average annual precipitation (**P**) = 28.0 cm/yr (from the Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement Analysis, p. 3-7, USACDRA, February 1994).
- ◆ Average annual irrigation (I) = 36.1 cm/yr (from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Technical Report NWS 33).
- Average annual evapotranspiration (Ev) ≤ 60.96 cm/yr (Geraghty et al., Water Atlas of the United States, 1994).
- ◆ Average annual surface runoff (**R**) = 1.27 cm/yr (Geraghty *et al., Water Atlas of the United States*, 1994).
- Universal soil loss equation erosivity factor (RF) = 70 1/yr (averaged from the R values of the five counties of concern).
- Total surface area for each major body of water:
 - Pueblo Reservoir (WA_w) = 2.30E + 07 m² (based upon information provided by Linda Hopkins, Colorado Bureau of Reclamation, May 1995).
 - Arkansas River (minus Pueblo reservoir) (WA_w) = 4.11E + 06 m² (computed based upon information provided by Ron Steiger, USGS, May 1995).
 - State Fish Hatchery, due southeast of Pueblo Reservoir (WA_w) = 1.04E + 05 m² for 32 rearing ponds; 4.0E + 03 m² for 32 trout raceways

(computed based upon information provided by Tom Kingsley, hatchery supervisor, May 1995).

- ◆ Impervious watershed area receiving deposition (WA_I) = 1.56E + 09 m² (USACDRA, 1994).
- ♦ Total watershed area receiving deposition $(WA_L) = 7.90E + 09 \text{ m}^2$, which is the area of a 50 kilometer circle as required by the SRA.
- Average volumetric flow rate:
 - Pueblo Reservoir (Vfx) = 6.43E + 08 m³/yr (computed from data of hydrologic station 07099400, Arkansas River above Pueblo, an average of 18 years worth of data).
 - Arkansas River (Vfx) = 7.63E + 08 m³/yr (computed from data of hydrologic station 07119700, Arkansas River at Catlin Dam near Fowler, Colorado, an average of 18 years worth of data).
 - ➤ State Fish Hatchery (Vfx) = 2.39E + 04 m³/yr (for the rearing ponds), 2.13E + 07 m³/yr (for the trout raceways computed based upon information provided by Tom Kingsley, hatchery supervisor, May 1995).
- Depth of water column for each body of water:
 - ► Pueblo Reservoir (d_w) = 27.99 m at maximum capacity (data provided by Steve Williams, Dam Office, Pueblo Reservoir, May 1995).
 - Arkansas River $(d_w) = 1.324$ m (data provided by Ron Steiger, USGS, May 1995).
 - State Fish Hatchery $(d_w) = 1.45$ m for the rearing ponds, 0.91 m for the trout raceways (data provided by Tom Kingsley, hatchery supervisor, May 1995).

Phases I and II Exposure Assessment Data Elements and Data Values

BODY WEIGHT RANGES

Children ages 1 to 6, 15 kg; adults, 70 kg; infants, age <1 year, <11 kg. Data extracted from USEPA's *Exposure Factors Handbook* (*EFH*), risk-assistant exposure-assessment scenarios background defaults. Data is used in exposure uptake formulas and in Phase II to identify risk-based subpopulations.

MONTHLY AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE AND STORM EVENT DATA

Data was provided to the USACHPPM(P) under separate cover from the National Climatic Data Center, Climate Services Division (based upon the Pueblo Memorial Airport data station): 1993 data plus analyses for average air temperature, average storm event, maximum storm event, and average time between storm events. Data is used in primary plume modeling: soils uptake, crop uptake of contaminants, soil erosion and runoff to surface waters, and body of water contamination formulas.

SUSTAINED AVERAGE WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION; THRESHOLD WIND SPEED

Data was extracted from environmental impact statement (EIS) analysis completed by USACDRA, February 1994. Data is used in primary plume modeling.

HUNTING AND FISHING DATA

Data was provided under separate cover.

Hunting

Hunting data summary is provided by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, Ann Seiler, Deputy Director and Bill Devenny of their Economic Analysis Branch. The hunting harvest and exposure days data was extracted from the Colorado Big Game Harvest 1993, report; and, the license information was extracted from Tables 1 through 38 of the Colorado Division of Wildlife Economic Impact Model. Based upon EFH average consumption values of 100 grams/meal × 4 persons eating/meal (400 grams/meal/family of four), a total meals eaten (T)/species of big game at the 100 grams/person/meal rate, T_{100} was computed. Likewise, a T₂₈₀ was computed for the reasonable maximum exposure (RME) consumption rate of 280 grams/meal × 4 persons eating/meal (1,120 grams/meal/family of four). In addition, fraction contaminated (FC₁₀₁, FC₂₈₀) values, which are the ratios of all contaminated meals consumed to the total meat meals consumed in a 350-day exposure year based upon the two consumption rates, were computed for each species of big game. Any FC value ≥ 0.75 (the USEPA default value) might be equated with subsistence hunting. Based upon the numbers of small game bagged per hunter, the average ingestion quantities of all small game meat does not appear to add any significant risk to the small game hunters and their families. The $T_{100} = 9.7$ meals/yr and the $T_{280} =$ 3.5 meals/yr. These figures for small game ingestion indicate that the T_{100} would represent 0.009 percent of the total meals eaten during the exposure period and the T_{280} would represent 0.003 percent of the total meals for the same exposure period.

Colorado hunting is so well controlled that it is virtually impossible to be a licensed subsistence hunter within the boundaries of the game laws and regulations. Subsistence hunting may be allowed on Native American lands; but, no such areas exist in the area of interest around Pueblo, Colorado. However, there are certain instances where the licensed hunter could be so successful in the harvesting of big game animals, that a family of four could exist on the game meat. For example, the potential exists that 156 elk hunters who shot bull elk could have also shot a buck mule deer and a buck antelope. Adding the FC_{100s} for the animals results in a combined $FC_{100} = 1.46$ which is greater than the USEPA default value of 0.75. It is obvious from the data that all successful elk hunters (328) who were also successful in harvesting mule deer and antelope could be classed as subsistence hunters at the T_{100} consumption rate for a family of four. We therefore recommend use of the USEPA default FC values of 0.44 for average consumption and 0.75 for RME consumption if this exposure scenario is used.

Fishing

The fishing data summary is provided by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, Fisheries Branch. Consumption data was derived from data Mr. Krieger provided on Pueblo Reservoir, the Arkansas River basin, and Runyon and Fountain lakes within the 50-kilometer zone. The majority of fish harvested are rainbow trout (average fat content of 4.5 percent); the remainder of fish harvested are comprised of Bluegill Sunfish, Black Bullhead Catfish, Channel Catfish, Carp, Crappie, Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Saugeye, Walleye, White Sucker, and Yellow Perch (average fat content for these species is 2.35 percent). If the average fisherman fished all of these waters and harvested the average number of fish, the total intake/exposure day/year would = 40.27 grams. The average intake for the fisherman would be 10.06 grams/exposure day/year. These figures are for one person's exposure, not a family of four. It is clear that subsistence fishing is not occurring in this exposure area based upon the harvest data.

Types of Produce Grown in Home Gardens

The default list was provided. For ingestion rates, LMI recommends using *EFH* default values listed in Tables 2-6, 2-7, 2-9, and 2-10 of the *EFH*. This method allows use of the Colorado Census Data to derive the number of gardens per county using the *EFH* default of 53 percent for the west. Several exposure uptake and scenarios which use this information for calculating residual risk.

Types of Recreation by County

The data was obtained from the EIS and the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. The data for the risk assessment mainly pertains to fishing and hunting; but, they also include inhalation exposures, and dermal exposures while swimming. Data were provided on the basis of the number of user

days/annum/park within the study area. With the use of the default data for recreation found in Tables 5-5 through 5-9 of the *EFH*, exposure durations for the swimming events may be calculated for the various age groups and exposure scenarios. The hunting and fishing days for exposure were provided from the sources noted in the hunting and fishing data above.

Soils Data

Soils data books for each county within the 50 kilometer radiused circle were obtained from the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation Department. Summaries of the physical and chemical properties of the soils within each county were also provided. The soils types for each county were analyzed for central tendency values for K values (erosion factor), Length-Slope values, Organic Matter percent, and Moist Bulk Density (using first soil layer only 1-20 centimeters, 0.4 -8 inches). These values are used in formulas for wet and dry deposition of contaminants in soils; plant uptake of contaminants; and soils contamination of surface bodies of water. The EIS listed the affected region as being 1.03 percent forested, and 79.24 percent agricultural. The remaining 19.73 percent is comprised of built-up areas and miscellaneous. Each county lists its own figures for forest versus agricultural land, but the percentages will likely hover around the EIS data. LMI recommends that only the agricultural and pasture percentages be subjected to the crop contaminant portions of the risk assessment and the erosion equations. The forests are essentially protected crops and are not subject to high erosion potential or wet/dry deposition rates of the contaminants.

VEGETATIVE COVER

The data extracted from the EIS are as follows:

- Total area in 50-km radius = $7.90E + 09 \text{ m}^2$
- Forest = 1.03 percent = $8.14E + 07 \text{ m}^2$
- Agriculture = 79.24 percent = $6.26E + 09 \text{ m}^2$
- Other = 19.73 percent = $1.56E + 09 \text{ m}^2$

EROSION DATA

Discussed under the "Soils Data" subsection above.

PLANT TISSUE

The data were provided from the 1994 Colorado Agricultural Statistics Report (1992 – 1993), and from the EIS section on community resources. The major crops are listed by county along with the crop yields, number of producing farms, etc. The vapor transfer of contaminants to plant tissues seems to be a driver in the risk assessment. Therefore some of the planting practices data are required to calculate risks. The human daily ingestiondata will use the default-data from EFH Tables 2-6 through 2-10. The major agricultural plants for the study region are the following:

Corn

- ► Plants/acre = 20,000
- \triangleright Rows/acre = 83.5
- ► Plants/row = 239.5
- ► Height of plant = 6.5 ft
- ► Radius of plant = 1.5 ft
- ► Distance between plants = 10.44 in.
- \triangleright Distance between rows = 2.5 ft
- Yield/acre = 134.57 bushels (bu) \times 25.4 kg/bu = 3418.1 kg/acre \div 4.047 m²/acre = 0.8446 kg/m²
- ► Length of growing season = 230 days

♦ Wheat

- ► Plants/acre = 1,558,746
- ► Rows/acre = 417
- ► Plants/row = 3,738
- ► Height of plant = 2.5 ft
- Radius of plant = 4.5 in.
- ► Distance between plants = 0.67 in.
- \triangleright Distance between rows = 6.0 in.

- Yield/acre = 31.14 bu/a × 27.1 kg/bu = 843.9 kg/a \div 4.047 m 2 /a = 0.2085 m 2 /a
- ► Length of growing season = 210 days

Barley

- ► Plants/acre = 385,770
- ightharpoonup Rows/acre = 385
- ► Plants/row = 1,002
- \blacktriangleright Height of plant = 3.0 ft
- ► Radius of plant = 3.75 in.
- ► Distance between plants = 2.5 in.
- ▶ Distance between rows = 6.5 in.
- Yield/acre = 55 bu/a × 18.1 kg/bu = 995.5 kg/a \div 4.047 m² /a = 0.2460 kg/m²
- ► Length of growing season = 190 days

◆ Sorghum

- ► Plants/acre = 52,271
- ► Rows/acre = 83.5
- ightharpoonup Plants/row = 626
- ► Height of plant = 3.0 ft
- ► Radius of plant = 1.5 ft
- ▶ Distance between plants = 4 in.
- ► Distance between rows = 2.5 ft
- Yield/acre = 27.88 bu/a × 27.1 kg/bu = 755.6 kg/a \div 4.047 m²/a = 0.1876 kg/m²
- ► Length of growing season = 204 days

Oats

- ► Plants/acre = 385,770
- \triangleright Rows/acre = 385
- ightharpoonup Plants/row = 1,002
- ► Height of plant = 3.0 ft
- ► Radius of fruit = 3.75 in.
- ► Distance between plants = 2.5 in.
- \triangleright Distance between rows = 6.5 in.
- Yield/acre = 52 bu/a × 18.1 kg/bu = 941.2 kg/a ÷ 4.047 m²/a = 0.2326 kg/m^2
- ► Length of growing season = 185 days
- Dry beans (mostly pinto beans)
 - ► Plants/acre = 34,853
 - ► Rows/acre = 83.5
 - ightharpoonup Plants/row = 417.4
 - ► Height of plant = 2.0 ft
 - ightharpoonup Radius of plant = 1.0 ft
 - ► Distance between plants = 6.0 in.
 - ► Distance between rows = 2.5 ft
 - ightharpoonup Yield/acre = 749.8 kg/a ÷ 4047 m²/a = 0.1853 kg/m²
 - ► Length of growing season = 143 days.

ANIMAL PRODUCTS

The data were provided in an 1994 Colorado Agricultural Statistics Report (1992 – 1993), and the EIS section on community resources. The consumption factors from the EFH will be used to calculate average daily intake and lifetime average daily intake values. The data for the huntable species were derived by LMI. The USACHPPM(P) is advised to apply contaminant uptake

concentrations to game animals by calculating uptake rates for 1.03 percent forested areas + 79.24 percent agricultural areas to daily food intakes of the game animals.

BREAST MILK

The data were provided to USACHPPM(P) by the county on the birth rates for the last 10 years and the percentage of mothers who breast-fed their babies. These data were obtained from Colorado's Women, Infants, and Children program. The breast-milk contamination scenarios should be limited to an exposure duration of one year.

PERCENTAGE OF GRAIN AND SILAGE GROWN WITHIN THE STUDY AREA VERSUS IMPORTED

Grown

Imported

grain = 90 percent

grain = 10 percent

silage = 90 percent

silage = 10 percent

RATIO OF GRAIN AND SILAGE GROWN WITHIN THE STUDY AREA USED TO FEED LIVESTOCK VERSUS IMPORTED GRAIN AND SILAGE

Grown and Fed

Imported and Fed

grain = 90 percent

grain = 10 percent

silage = 90 percent

silage = 10 percent

RATIO OF GRAIN GROWN WITHIN THE STUDY AREA FED TO CHICKENS VERSUS IMPORTED GRAIN

Grown and Fed

Imported and Fed

grain = 10 percent

grain = 90 percent

AMOUNT OF SOIL IN GRAIN AND SILAGE

Zero percent for both.

RATIO OF LIVESTOCK RAISED IN THE STUDY AREA THAT IS CONSUMED

For cattle and calves, 10 percent are consumed in the area and 90 percent are exported. For hogs, 15 percent are consumed in the area and 85 percent are exported. For sheep and lambs, 3 percent are consumed in the area and 97 percent are exported. For poultry, there appears to be no commercial poultry producers in this region. The County extension agents believe 100 percent of the chickens and eggs produced in the area are consumed in the area. The statewide average

for poultry and eggs is approximately 50 percent are consumed in the area produced and 50 percent are exported.

OTHER

Other demographic-specific data pertaining to population centers, locations of schools, nursing homes, hospitals, major area employers, and current census information was extracted from the EIS and the Colorado Census Data and was provided under separate cover to the USACHPPM(P).

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend the following:

- Use the data provided in this report and the data provided under separate cover as the basis for completing the SRA for PUDA.
- If further data specificity is required for these data elements, site visits at PUDA may be required.

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Table A-1.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (General)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|---|------------|
| Body weight ranges Infants: 1 to 6yrs, 15 kg Adults: 70 kg Babies: < 1yr, <11 kg | Exposure Factors Handbook (EFH), EPA/600/8-89/043, March 1989, Table 5-2 (adults); Appendix 5A, Tables 5A-3, 4 (averaged 95 percent weight for infants < 1yr.); Human Health Evaluation Manual, Supple- mental Guidance, March 1991, p. 15, Children's weight age 1 to 6 yrs | Yes |
| Monthly average air temperature, ^o F, by month for 10 yrs January: 33.1 February: 34.0 March: 43.1 April: 52.0 May: 61.3 June: 70.8 July: 75.4 August: 73.2 September: 64.4 October: 52.1 November: 37.8 December: 29.5 | National Climatic Data Center (NCDC): Noel Risnychok, (704) 271-4800, ext. 163 | Yes |
| Wind information Sustained average wind speed: 10.8 meters per second (m/s) Sustained average wind direction: WNW, W, SSE, N | Environmental impact statement (EIS); NCDC information indicates yearly average windspeed of 4.3 m/s from a NW direction. | Yes |
| Threshold wind speed: 0.0 m/s | EIS; EPA Risk Guide for Combustors | Yes |
| Storm information Average rainfall event: 0.031 in./day Maximum rainfall event: 3.77 in./day | NCDC information | Yes |

Table A-2.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Fishing and Hunting)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|--|------------|
| Fishing | Doug Krieger, (719) 473-2945, Colorado | Yes |
| No. of licensed fishermen by co. | Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, Fisheries Biologist | |
| Length of the fishing season | | |
| Average no. of fishing days | | |
| Average catch per fisherman | | |
| Counties | | |
| Pueblo El Paso Lincoln Crowley Otero Major fish species Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass Walleye Sauger and hybrids Stripe and hybrid bass Crappie Other sunfish Catfish Suckers Rainbow trout Pikes peak trout | | |

Table A-3.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Hunting)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|---|------------|
| No. of licensed hunters by co. | Colorado Department of Natural Re- | Yes |
| Length of the hunting season by species | sources, Division of Wildlife, Terrestrial Resource Section, Ann Seiler, (303) 291-7336 | |
| Average no. of hunting days | Mark Elkins — Senior Biologist, | |
| Average harvest by species | (719) 473-2945 | |
| Counties | | |
| Pueblo El Paso Lincoln Crowley Otero | | |
| Hunting species | | |
| Mule deer Rocky mountain elk Pronghorn antelope Mountain goat Bighorn sheep Shiras moose Black bear Turkey Squirrels Quail Dove Band-tailed pigeon Grouse Ptarmigan Pheasant Rabbits | | |
| Waterfowl | | |
| Duck Goose Rails Snipe Sandhill cranes Coots | · | |

Table A-4.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Produce)

| Data elements | Potential data source | Completed? |
|--|---|------------|
| Types of produce grown in home gardens (applies to all Colorado counties in ground dry weight per kilogram body weight per day) | Colorado Agricultural Statistics 1994. State Agricultural Service, (303) 236-2300. EFH Table 2-10, (p. 2-19), values for 50th percentile | Yes |
| Area produce | Consumption rate in grams/day (g/d) | |
| Corn Lima beans Green beans Tomatoes Cucumbers Grains Legumes Potatoes Root vegetables Fruits Fruiting vegetables Leafy vegetables | 60.90 g/d 21.80 g/d 15.10 g/d 14.60 g/d 9.10 g/d 2.40 g/d 0.68 g/d 0.35 g/d 0.037 g/d 0.13 g/d 0.02 g/d | |
| | Refer to <i>EFH</i> for child and infant consumption data. | |

Table A-5.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Types of Recreation by County)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|---|------------|
| National Park and State Parks of Colorado: three parks in the area of concern with numbers of visitors/year: | Colorado State Parks — Jane Burns, (303) 866-3437 | Yes |
| 1. Pueblo State Park — 13,791 acres, 656,961 visitors/year. Activities include camping, fishing, other water sports, hunting, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, snow skiing, and other winter sports. | National Parks Statistical Information — Ken Hornback, (303) 969-6977 | Yes |
| 2. Bent's Old Fort — 799.8 acres, 44,717 visitors/year. Activities include self- and guided tours; picnic facilities. No overnight stays allowed. | | |
| 3. Florissant Fossil Beds — 599.8 acres, 100,333 visitors/year. Activities include self- and guided tours, hiking, and cross-country skiing. No overnight stays allowed. | | |

Table A-6.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Soil Data)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|--|------------|
| Soil types Provide the average value for all soils in the counties of concern for the following parameters: | U.S. Geological Survey Soils Books for the counties of concern. Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service, Allen Price, Soils Scientist, (303) 236-2611. | Yes |
| Moist bulk density (g/cm³) = 1.36 | District Conservationist and Soil Project Directors: | |
| Organic contents (percentage) = 1.21 | El Paso Co. — John Valentine, (719) 473-7104 | |
| Slope length factor (LS) = 0.50 | Crowley & Otero Co. — Dave Miller, | |
| Erosion factor (tons/acre) (k) = 0.25 Erosivity factor (1/yr) (R) = 70 | (719) 254-7882 Pueblo Co. — Rich Rhoades, (719) 543-8384 | |
| Vegetative cover | Lincoln Co. — Bill Hawn, (719) 743-2408 | |
| The fraction of vegetative cover for each of the following land uses: | Canyon City — Tim Wheeler, (719) 275-9027 | |
| Total area in 50 Km radius = 7.9E + 9m ² | See EIS, Land Use | |
| Forest, 1.03 percent = 8.14E + 7m ² | | |
| Agriculture, 79.24 percent = 6.26E + 9m ² | | |
| Other, 19.73 percent = 1.56E + 9m ² | | |
| Erosion data | | |
| Average annual runoff (cm/yr) = 1.27 cm/yr | Gerhaghty <i>et al.</i> , 1973 | |
| Soil mixing depth (cm) = 20 cm | EPA's default for plow depth | |
| Surface water data | | |
| Water resources in the area: lakes, streams, rivers | | |
| Surface area of water resources | Provided under separate cover | |
| Volumetric flow rates of water resources | Provided under separate cover | |
| Depth of water column of water resources | Provided under separate cover | |

Table A-7.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Plant Tissue)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|--|------------|
| Crop-specific information for each major commercial crop grown in the state. Major crops are corn, wheat, barley, oats, sorghum, and | Colorado State Department of Agriculture, (303) 239-4100, sending Agricultural Statistics book — this information should be included in the book. | Yes |
| dry beans. Establish the major fruit and vegetable crops (also, see above for common crops) | The USACHPPM(P) was provided with data compilation from the 1994 Colorado Agricultural Statistics Report and the appropriate EIS section on "Community Resources." | |
| Crop productivity | The following County Extension Agents | |
| Bushels/acre Harvest yield | were contacted for crop productivity information for their respective counties: | |
| Mass/area | for Crowley — Jim Valient: (719) 254-7608 | |
| Area planted to crop acres | for Pueblo — LuAnn Brunetto | |
| Standing crop biomass kilograms dry weight per meter squared | (719) 543-8386, Charley Hart: (719) 583-6566 for Otero — Bill Handcock: | |
| Specific information on each crop species | (719) 254-7608 | |
| Leafy vegetables | | |
| Height of plant (cm) Radius of plant (cm) Planting practice Plants per row Rows per acre Distance between plants (cm) Distance between rows (cm) Length of growing season (days) | | |
| Round and long produce | | |
| Planting practices Number per unit area (yield) Radius of round produce (cm) Length of long produce (cm) Width of long produce (cm) | | |
| Fruits | | |
| Planting practices Number per unit area (yield) Length and width of long fruit (cm) Radius of round fruit(cm) | | |

Table A-8.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity (Human Daily Ingestion)

| Data elements | Potential data sources | Completed? |
|--|---|------------|
| Crops Segregated as shown below for each commercially grown crop Leafy vegetables Above-ground protected produce Above-ground exposed round produce Above-ground exposed long produce Below-ground produce Animal products These are the major commercial animal products produced in Colorado: Cattle and calves Hogs Sheep and lambs | See EFH it provides information on percentage of crops that people eat that they grow. Recommend use of exposure factors from the EFH on amounts of each meat and vegetable consumed. Use the appropriate screening-level risk analysis formulas to calculate the amount of contaminant ingested. Again, County Extension Agent/Services were contacted and asked the following questions: a. How much of each animal produce is raised in the county? b. Of the amount raised in the county, how much is consumed within the county? c. How much of that raised is exported and to where is it exported? | Yes |
| Poultry and eggs Animals that are hunted | Similar questions were asked for each major crop produced in the county. | |
| Mule deer Rocky mountain elk Pronghorn antelope Mountain goat Bighorn sheep Shiras moose Black bear Turkey Squirrels Quail Dove Band-tailed pigeon Grouse Ptarmigan Pheasant Rabbits | | |
| Waterfowl | | |
| Duck Goose Rails Snipe Sanhill cranes Coots | | |

Table A-9.Risk Assessment Information — Pueblo Depot Activity Birth Rates and Breast-Feeding)

| Data elements | | Potential data sources | Completed? | |
|---|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Breast milk — percentage of infants that are breast-fed | | Colorado Vital Statistics — Department of Health. Birth | Yes | |
| Birth rate | | | rate info (Juanita) (303) 692-2160 | |
| 1993 Data | Avg. births/yr | Birth rate percentage | | |
| Pueblo El Paso Lincoln Crowley | 1767 7407 54 37 | 14.1 17.1 8.9 9.0 | | |
| Otero | 325 | 15.7 | | |

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